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**Via e-mail to: [sabram@FOPL.ca](mailto:sabram@FOPL.ca)**

Dear Mr. Abram;

**Re: Resolution in Support of a Provincial Increase to Public Library Funding**

This is to advise you that the following resolution was adopted by Orillia City Council at its meeting held on April 9, 2018:

*"THAT as recommended in the report dated March 7, 2018 from the Orillia Public Library Board, the following resolution be adopted:*

*WHEREAS public libraries provide safe, inclusive, and vibrant community hubs where residents of all backgrounds are welcome to learn, work, connect, and collaborate;*

*AND WHEREAS the Orillia Public Library actively partners with the community to deliver valued services and contributes to a culture of social good by sharing knowledge and resources;*

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*AND WHEREAS the Orillia Public Library actively engages with its community as a gathering place to share expertise, support learning, inspire connection, and create possibilities;*

*AND WHEREAS the Orillia Public Library continues to manage public resources with the utmost care and is committed to the sustainability of its services;*

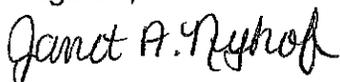
*AND WHEREAS the Orillia Public Library continues to deliver services that support provincial initiatives, such as poverty reduction, lifelong learning and skill development, local economic development, health literacy, and provides equitable access to provincial government websites and services;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Orillia urges the Province of Ontario to recognize the contribution of local libraries within their communities and to lift the 20 year budget freeze to local public libraries in an acknowledgement of the services they offer to all residents;*

*AND THAT the City of Orillia urges the Province of Ontario to reinstate adequate and appropriate funding for local public libraries, increasing each year going forward in line with the consumer price index;*

*AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs, the local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Library Association, the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries and the County of Simcoe."*

Regards,



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Deputy Clerk

Copy to: Suzanne Campbell, CEO / Chief Librarian, Orillia Public Library